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PRESS RELEASE

The Secretary-General had two meetings today with the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal, as had been agreed in the preparation talks in September, in the context of the search for a just, comphreensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor.

The Secretary-General met separately with each of the two Ministers, and subsequently a joint meeting was held, followed by a working luncheon.

Following today's discussions, it has been agreed to continue the efforts to solve the East Timor question. A further meeting between the two Foreign Ministers and the Secretary-General will be held in 20 April 1993 Rome. Prior to this, talks will be held at UN Headquarters between representatives of the two Governments.

The Secretary-General wishes to express his appreciation to both sides for the cooperation which they have shown in the spirit of the continuing process which they agreed to resume during their September talks.

17 December 1992

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PRESS RELEASE

The Secretary-General held meetings in Rome on 21 April 1993 with the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal, as had been agreed in the last round of talks held in New York on 17 December 1992, in the context of ongoing efforts, under the auspices of the Secretary-General, to seek a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The Secretary-General met separately with each of the two Ministers and subsequently chaired a joint meeting and hosted a working luncheon.

Among the various aspects discussed, the Ministers considered possible confidence building measures as a means of fostering an atmosphere propitious to addressing the substance of the question.

Following today's discussions the parties agreed to continue their efforts, under the auspices of the Secretary-General, to solve the question of East Timor. A further meeting between the two Foreign Ministers will be held on 9 July in N.Y. Prior to this, talks will be held at UN Headquarters between representatives of the two Governments.

The Secretary-General wishes to express his appreciation to both sides for their continued cooperation.

21 April 1993

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Statement by the Secretary-General's spokesman on East Timor

The Secretary-General held meetings in New York on 17 September 1993 with the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal, as had been agreed at the last round of talks held on 21 April 1993 in Rome, in the context of the ongoing efforts, under his auspices, to seek a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The Secretary-General met separately with each of the two Ministers and subsequently chaired a joint meeting.

As they agreed in Rome, the Ministers considered possible confidence-building measures as a means of fostering an atmosphere propitious to addressing the substance of the question, on which they reiterated their respective positions of principle. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to record the following points, which emerged during their meeting:

1. The Ministers concurred on the importance of the promotion of respect for human rights in all their indivisible aspects (civil, political, economic, social and cultural) and fundamental freedoms in East Timor.

2. They also concurred on the need to create a favourable and non-confrontational atmosphere in order to allow effective progress towards a comprehensive settlement of the question.

3. Both Ministers reaffirmed the importance of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the consensus statement of the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of 4 March 1992, and the need for further facilitating access to East Timor inter alia by United Nations and humanitarian and human rights organizations.

In this context they noted with appreciation the second visit to East Timor by the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General in April.

4. The Secretary-General reiterated his intention to continue to follow closely the human rights situation in East Timor in the spirit of the aforementioned consensus statement.

5. Both Ministers noted the Secretary-General's intention to carry out contacts as he deems useful in his efforts to assist in the solution of the question.

6. Both Ministers agreed to continue to promote a balanced exchange of visits by journalists and personalities from their respective countries.

7. The Ministers identified a series of issues for discussion at the next round of talks.

Following today's discussions the parties agreed to continue their efforts, under the auspices of the Secretary-General, to find a solution to the question of East Timor. A further meeting between the two Foreign Ministers and the Secretary-General will be held on 6 May 1994 in Geneva. Prior to that meeting, talks will be held at UN Headquarters in New York between the representatives of the two Governments.

17 September 1993
New York

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The Secretary-General held a fourth round of meetings in Geneva on 6 May 1994 with the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia and Portugal, Mr. Ali Alatas and Mr. Durão Barroso, as had been agreed at the third round of talks in New York on 17 September 1993, in the context of the on-going efforts under his auspices, to seek a just, comprehensive, and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The Secretary-General met separately with each of the two Ministers and subsequently chaired a joint meeting.

The discussions focused on confidence-building measures (CBMs) aimed at fostering an atmosphere propitious to addressing the substance of the question. In this regard the Secretary-General wishes to record the following points which emerged during the discussions:

1. The Secretary-General welcomed the positive atmosphere in which the talks were held and the restraint displayed by both sides at international fora, which made possible the adoption by consensus of a Chairman's statement on the human rights situation in East Timor at the 50th session of the Human Rights Commission in Geneva. The Secretary-General called on both sides to build on that consensus through the implementation of the recommendations contained therein.

2. The Ministers reacted positively to the Secretary-General's appeal to both parties to continue to exercise restraint on the issue of East Timor in the interest of maintaining a favourable atmosphere for further progress towards a comprehensive settlement of the question.

3. The Ministers conveyed their appreciation to the Secretary-General for conducting thorough consultations prior to today's talks, in particular through the despatch of a mission in January 1994 to Lisbon, Jakarta, Dili and Sidney to carry out preparatory discussions with both sides and other contacts in his efforts to assist in the solution of the question. They took note of the Secretary-General's intention to undertake similar consultations and contacts whenever he deems necessary.

4. The meeting took note of the Indonesian Government's intention to continue its investigation in order to account fully for the persons dead or missing as a result of the violent incident in Dili on 12 November 1991 and the circumstances surrounding the matter.

5. The Secretary-General is encouraged by the increased access to East Timor for the United Nations, human rights and humanitarian organizations as well as journalists. He is also encouraged by the visits to East Timor by East Timorese living abroad and by East Timorese visiting Portugal. The Ministers agreed that such access and visits should be continued and further expanded.

6. The Ministers concurred on the need to ensure that those East Timorese in custody are treated humanely, that their rights are respected fully, and that further appropriate measures are taken aimed at the early release of those imprisoned.

7. The invitation extended by the Indonesian Government to the Special Rapporteur on Extra-judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions of the Commission on Human Rights to visit East Timor in June 1994 was welcomed. It was deemed important that the Government of Indonesia continue to cooperate with other relevant thematic special rapporteurs and/or working groups of the Commission and that they be invited to visit East Timor whenever necessary for the fulfilment of their duties.

8. The Secretary-General believes that, as an important contribution to the on-going efforts under his auspices, the dialogue among East Timorese should be encouraged. He will explore appropriate efforts to be undertaken towards facilitating an all-inclusive intra-Timorese dialogue. The two Ministers took note of this initiative.

9. The Foreign Ministers of Portugal and Indonesia informed the Secretary-General of their readiness to meet with leading East Timorese supporters and opponents of integration respectively.

10. The Ministers requested the Secretary-General to identify a series of issues for consideration by them in advance of the next round of talks, including possible avenues towards achieving a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution.

Following today's discussions the parties agreed to continue their efforts under the auspices of the Secretary-General to find a solution to the question of East Timor. The fifth meeting between the Foreign Ministers and the Secretary-General will be held in the first half of January 1995 in Geneva. Prior to that meeting talks will be held at UN headquarters in New York between the representatives of the two Governments.

Geneva, 6 May 1994

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STATEMENT

The Secretary-General held a fifth round of meetings in Geneva on 9 January 1995 with the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Mr. J. Durão Barroso and the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Ali Alatas. The discussions focused on the Secretary-General's initiative to facilitate the convening of an all-inclusive intra-East Timorese dialogue, on a set of issues to be addressed in future talks and on confidence-building measures. In this regard, the Secretary-General wishes to record the following points of agreement arrived at during the Meeting.

1. The Meeting took note of:

   - the dispatch by the Secretary-General of a mission to Jakarta, Dili and Lisbon at the end of 1994 to conduct consultations prior to the present round of talks;
   - the presence of a representative sent by the Secretary-General at a meeting of East Timorese from inside and outside East Timor held in Chepstow, United Kingdom, at the end of September 1994, to initiate the first in a series of consultations with East Timorese groups and personalities of different political opinions, which was subsequently followed by similar consultations elsewhere with other East Timorese;
   - the meetings held in October 1994 between the Foreign Ministers of Portugal and Indonesia with leading East Timorese supporters and opponents of integration in conformity with paragraph 9 of the 6 May communique;
   - and the visit to East Timor in July 1994 by the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions of the Commission on Human Rights at the invitation of the Indonesian Government.

2. The two Ministers noted positively the Secretary-General's intention, following his consultations with a broad cross-section of East Timorese representing various trends of opinion, to facilitate and offer the necessary arrangements for the convening of an all-inclusive intra-East Timorese dialogue.

3. The objective of the dialogue will be to provide a forum for continuing the free and informal exchange of views to explore ideas of a practical nature that might have a positive impact on the situation in East Timor and assist in the establishment of an atmosphere conducive to the achievement of a solution to the question of East Timor. The dialogue will not address the political status of East Timor and will in no way constitute a parallel negotiating track or be a substitute for the Ministerial talks under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

4. In order to create and maintain a propitious climate for a fruitful intra-East Timorese dialogue, the Secretary-General appeals to East Timorese of all shades of opinion to exercise restraint and refrain from actions that could have a detrimental impact, prior to and in the course of the dialogue.

5. The Secretary-General expressed the need for the two Governments to cooperate with him in his initiative and to encourage all East Timorese to respond constructively to the initiative and appeal.

6. The two Ministers agreed to consider at the next round of talks substantive issues identified by the Secretary-General regarding possible avenues towards achieving a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor.

7. The Ministers recalled the statement issued on 6 May 1994 at the conclusion of the fourth round of talks in which they concurred, inter alia, on the need to improve the human rights situation in East Timor, and the relevant

Chairman's Statements adopted by consensus by the Human Rights Commission on that question, in particular with regard to the access to East Timor, to the early release of the East Timorese imprisoned and to the full accounting of the persons dead or missing as a result of the violent incident in Dili of 12 November 1991. In that connection the Meeting took note of the Indonesian Government's intention, in the terms conveyed at the Meeting, to take further steps for the implementation of the undertakings contained therein.

8. They also recalled the statement of 6 May 1994 on the need for continued restraint by both parties in the interest of maintaining a favourable atmosphere for further progress towards a comprehensive solution of the question of East Timor.

Following today's discussions the parties agreed to continue their efforts, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, to find a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The sixth round of talks between the Foreign Ministers under the auspices of the Secretary-General will be held on 19 May 1995 in New York. Prior to the Ministerial Meeting, preparatory talks will be held through the Representative of the Secretary-General.

9 January 1995

5° Ronda Conversações

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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

1. The Secretary-General held the sixth round of talks on the question of East Timor in Geneva on 8 July 1995 with the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Ali Alatas and the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Mr. J. Durao Barroso.

2. The Ministers discussed developments since the fifth round of talks in January 1995, including the implementation of the Chairman's Statement on the Situation of Human Rights in East Timor, agreed upon by consensus by the Human Rights Commission at its 51st session, the importance of which was stressed.

3. The Ministers welcomed the convening of the All-Inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue, held in Burg Schlaining, Austria, from 2 to 5 June 1995 with the assistance of the Secretary-General, which constitutes a positive effort to help create an atmosphere conducive to the achievement of a solution to the question of East Timor. They expressed their appreciation to the Government of Austria for hosting the meeting and to other governments for their support.

4. The Ministers welcomed the Secretary-General's view on the need for convening a further meeting or meetings of the All-Inclusive Intra-East Timorese dialogue and his intention to pursue the matter with the two parties.

5. The Ministers, without prejudice to their respective positions of principle regarding the political status of East Timor, have begun discussions on the substantive issues identified by the Secretary-General regarding possible avenues towards achieving a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor. In this context, they discussed substantive issues related to an eventual framework for the achievement of such a solution and other related issues, inter alia, the preservation and promotion of the cultural identity of the East Timorese people and bilateral relations between Indonesia and Portugal. They agreed to discuss all these issues in conjunction with one another.

6. Following today's discussions, the parties agreed to continue their efforts, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, to find a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The seventh round of talks between the Foreign Ministers under the auspices of the Secretary-General will be held 16 January 1996 in London. Prior to the ministerial meeting, preparatory talks will be held through the Representative of the Secretary-General.

8 July 1995

COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEVENTH ROUND OF TALKS ON THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

1. The Secretary-General held the seventh round of talks on the question of East Timor in London on Tuesday 16 January 1996, with the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Mr. Jaime Gama, and the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Ali Alatas.

2. The Ministers discussed developments since the sixth round of talks in July 1995 and, in this connection, welcomed the visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Jose Ayala-Lasso, to Jakarta and East Timor in December 1995 in the context of the implementation of the Chairman's Statement adopted by consensus in 1995 by the Human Rights Commission, the importance of which was recognized.

3. The Ministers, without prejudice to their respective positions of principle regarding the political status of East Timor, continued their discussions on those substantive issues which have been identified related to an eventual framework for the achievement of a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor as well as other related issues, inter alia, the preservation and promotion of the cultural identity of the East Timorese people and bilateral relations between Indonesia and Portugal.

4. The Ministers took note positively of the Secretary-General's intention to facilitate and offer the necessary arrangements for another meeting of the All-Inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue in accordance with the same terms of reference agreed at the fifth round of talks, which will take place in Austria in March 1996.

5. Following today's discussions, the parties agreed to continue their efforts, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, to find a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The eighth round of talks between the Foreign Ministers under the auspices of the Secretary-General will be held in Geneva on 29 June 1996. In the interval talks will continue at the Permanent Representative level with the participation of the Secretary-General's Representative.

London, 16 January 1996

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COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EIGHTH ROUND OF TALKS ON THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

1. The Secretary-General held the eighth round of talks on the question of East Timor in Geneva on Thursday, 27 June 1996 with the Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Mr. Ali Alatas, and the Foreign Minister of Portugal, Mr. Jaime Gama.

2. The Ministers discussed developments since the last round of talks in January 1996, including the implementation of the Chairman's Statement adopted by consensus in 1996 by the fifty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights, the importance of which was recognized.

3. The Ministers, without prejudice to their respective positions of principle regarding the status of East Timor, discussed in greater detail those substantive issues which have been identified related to an eventual framework for the achievement of a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution to the question of East Timor.

4. The Ministers welcomed the convening of the All-inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue (AIETD), held at Burg Schlaining, Austria, from 19 to 22 March 1996 with the facilitation of the Secretary-General. They expressed their gratitude to the Government of Austria for hosting the meeting and to other governments for their support.

5. The Ministers took note positively of the Secretary-General's intention to facilitate and offer the necessary arrangements for another meeting of the All-inclusive Intra-East Timorese Dialogue in accordance with the same terms of reference agreed at the fifth round of talks.

6. The Ministers considered the proposals of the AIETD and agreed to proceed with consultations on those relating to the establishment of an East Timorese cultural centre in Dili and to the development of human resources in East Timor.

7. Following today's discussions, the parties agreed to continue their efforts, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, to find a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement to the question of East Timor. The ninth round of talks will be held on 21 December 1996 in New York. In the interval, talks will continue at the Permanent Representative level with the participation of the Secretary-General's Representative.

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